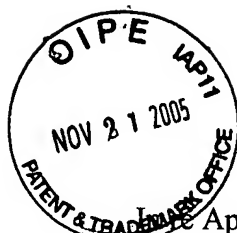


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Peter D. Petrov

Serial No.: 10/714,136

Filed: 11/13/2003

For: A 3.5 INCH HOT-SWAPPABLE

DOCKING MODULE

) Examiner: Lea Edmunds, Lisa S.

) Group Art Unit: 2835

) Docket No.: P03015

Monday, November 21, 2005

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to a non-final office action mailed on 8/1/2005. Concurrently, applicant also requests one month extension of time to respond and a fee of \$60 is attached herewith.

**AMMENDMENT**

**A. SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph on page 5, line 9 to line 13, starting "Referring initially to Fig. 1 and 2..." with the following paragraph:

"Referring initially to **FIG. 1 and 2**, a 3.5inch half-height docking module **10**, is shown for holding two tray loaders **40** with embedded small form factor disk drives **50**. The docking module is designed to be installed within housing such as a computer chassis or an external housing (not shown). It is to be understood that the docking module **10** fits snugly within a standard-sized 3.5inch form factor cavity of deck top personal computers. The tray loaders 40 have a nominal width up to 2.75 inches and a nominal depth up to 4 inches and a nominal height up to 0.8 inches. These dimensions of tray loaders are the applicants own trial data and are not necessarily any industry data."

There is no new matter introduced. The basis of the insertion can be found in the original claims 5, 11, 15, and 16.

**B. CLAIM LISTING: (see separate attached sheet)**

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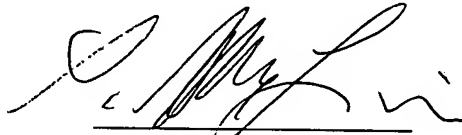
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**C. REMARKS:**

Specification is amended to overcome the 35 USC§112 rejection, as suggested by Examiner. Specifically, the dimension of the tray loader is not necessarily an industry standard. Rather, it is the result of some experiments the applicant performed.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 11-13, 15 and 16 are amended; Claims 2, 4, 9-10, and 14 are canceled. Claims 1, 5, 8, 11-13, 15 and 16 are amended according to Examiner's suggestion for allowable subject matters.

Applicant believes that all claims, as amended accordingly, are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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